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One of the most important tasks of Dogaaf is the training of its members and of the population in general in all types of PVKhO (antiaircraft and chemical defense); the most practical method of conducting this training is through PVKhO circles set up in Dogaaf primary organizations. A 20-hour training course is given in these circles, with primary organizations enrolling in such training all members who have reached the age of 16. Circles should preferably be composed of not more than 20-25 persons, and instructors for the circles should normally be chosen from members of the primary organization who have undergone suitable training.

The basic textbook of PVKhO instructors is Protivovozdushnaya oborona (Anti-aircraft Defense), and for students, the brochure Dogaafovtsu o MPVO (What the Dogaaf Member Should Know About Local Antiaircraft Defense). Instructional slides and posters can be obtained by the primary organization through the rayon Dogaaf organizational committee.

The following lessons, are part of the PVKhO circle's training program: familiarization with air-raid shelters (should take place in the shelter itself); how to construct a trench shelter (should take place on the spot -- in garden, vacant lot, etc.); first aid; study of fire-fighting equipment; methods of extinguishing fires and incendiary materials; discussion of various types of poison gas (includes demonstration with "sniff sets"); defense against poison gas (includes use of gas mask, familiarization with decontamination installations in shelter, use of portable decontaminating units, and methods of hermetically sealing food and water containers for home use.)

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Tests for passing the requirements are given by the instructor in the presence of a representative of the Dossaf primary organization committee. The examination is, as a rule, a practical test. A purely oral examination is forbidden.

When a member of the society passes "Ready for PVKHO" requirements, this fact, together with the date of examination, is recorded on his Dossaf membership card; a record of this is then kept both in the primary organization and in the Dossaf rayon committee.

Citizens who have already passed "Ready for PVKHO" requirements should be given the course again every 2 years.

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